

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5**

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SUBJECT: Reports of Significant Developments and
Activities Ending on February 2, 2007

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The activities listed below are organized by site-specific activities and training/conferences:

SITE-SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

Settlement Reached, Aldi, Inc., Dwight, Illinois

On January 29, 2007, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) filed a Consent Agreement and Final Order resolving the July 5, 2006, Administrative Complaint against Aldi, Inc. (Respondent), Dwight, Illinois. The Administrative Complaint alleged violations of Section 103 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and Sections 304 and 312 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), with a proposed penalty of \$93,433.20. On August 22, 2005, at 7:15 a.m., the Respondent had a 600 pound release of anhydrous ammonia into the environment, 6 times the reportable quantity (100 pounds) for this substance in CERCLA. As part of the settlement, Aldi, Inc. will pay a \$23,150 penalty; \$5,000 to the Superfund and \$18,150 to the general treasury, along with an agreement to purchase emergency response turnout gear and donate the equipment to the Dwight Fire Department. The total cost of the equipment purchase will be \$23,150. The Respondent will have thirty (30) days to pay the cash penalty and

ninety (90) days to complete the supplemental environmental project (SEP).

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Settlement Reached, Hondo Incorporated, doing business as Coca-Cola Bottlers of Chicago, Alsip, Illinois

On January 22, 2007, the Agency filed an executed Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) resolving an Administrative Complaint against Hondo Incorporated (Respondent), doing business as Coca-Cola Bottlers of Chicago, Alsip, Illinois. The Agency filed an Administrative Complaint on September 12, 2006, against Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc., Alsip, Illinois, with a proposed penalty of \$20,150. The complaint was subsequently amended, renaming the respondent as Hondo Incorporated. The Administrative Complaint alleged a violation of Section 103 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). On March 20, 2006, at 10:30 a.m., Coca-Cola bottlers of Chicago had a release of 563 pounds of anhydrous ammonia, which was 5.6 times the Reportable Quantity (RQ) under CERCLA. The person in charge of the facility notified the National Response Center (NRC) on March 20, 2006, at 1:54 p.m., 3 hours and 24 minutes after the release occurred. The Respondent has been cooperative during the investigation and enforcement process and was willing to quickly resolve the matter. The Agency agreed to lower the penalty for cooperation, willingness to quickly resolve the matter, and reduced risk to the community. The penalty to be paid to the Superfund, in the CAFO is \$10,478. The Respondent will have thirty (30) days to pay the penalty.

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TRAINING/CONFERENCES

Mentoring Sessions for FY2006 Brownfields Cooperative Agreement Recipients in Region 5

The Brownfields and Early Action Section hosted Grantee Mentoring Sessions on January 31 and February 1 with assistance from Tracy Nichols, Cuyahoga County, Shannon Meadows, City of Springfield, both in Ohio and Peter Doll, Moorhead, Minnesota. Interactive Clu-In sessions provided

participants a peer to peer learning experience. Topics covered included program outreach, negotiating access agreements, construction management, and land banks. There were 32 participants.

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No Spills Conference, Traverse City, Michigan

From January 22-24, 2007, the No Spills Conference was held in Traverse City, Michigan. The No Spills Conference is designed to bring together local, State, and Federal response agencies in northern Michigan and to facilitate dialogue amongst the groups. The theme of this years conference was "We all Live Here". Agencies besides the U.S. EPA in attendance or presenting at the conference included: the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the United States Coast Guard, the Michigan Department of Community Health, the Michigan State Police, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the Michigan Department of Agriculture, local police and fire representatives, and several private organizations and/or companies. U.S. EPA representatives participated in the conference planning committee and presented several case studies at the event. The conference was viewed a success by all those attending and allowed for a large amount of networking between agencies.

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OSC/START Data Management Training, Wayne County Community College, Detroit, Michigan

Staff from Emergency Response Branch 1/Section 1 and the Region 5 Superfund Technical Assistance and Response Team (START) contractor conducted a training event from January 31-February 1, 2007. This training event was developed to inform and train START contractors and U.S. EPA On-Scene Coordinators (OSCs) on environmental data collection techniques and information technology programs that have been developed to streamline emergency responses and removal sites. This training included scenarios and exercises using air monitoring instruments and software applications to collect and store data. The training was held at the Wayne County Community College Downriver

Campus-Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education. Attendees included U.S. EPA Region 5 OSCs and START, U.S. EPA Region 5 Field Environmental Decision Support (FIELDS) Team, U.S. EPA Region 3 OSCs and START, U.S. EPA Region 8 OSC and START, U.S. EPA-Environmental Response Team (ERT), U.S. Coast Guard, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), and Independence Township, Michigan Fire Department.

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Meeting, Downriver Emergency Response Team, Trenton, Michigan

On January 30, 2006, On-Scene Coordinators (OSCs) James Justice, Michelle Jaster, and Brian Schlieger attended the Downriver Emergency Response Team (DERT) meeting held in Trenton, Michigan. The DERT is comprised of representatives from numerous Fire Departments located throughout Southeastern Michigan. The DERT meets and trains regularly with local area hospitals, industry, government, and other response teams. This month's meeting focused on 2006 accomplishments, new equipment acquisitions, and planned events for 2007. U.S. EPA's Response Section 1 will participate in and contribute to many of the training events and exercises planned by DERT for the coming year.

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Presentation for Fire Fighter Technology Program, School Craft Community College, Garden City, Michigan

On January 30, 2006, On-Scene Coordinators (OSCs) Brian Kelly and Michelle Jaster presented an overview of U.S. EPA's Emergency Response Program for an Incident Command System (ICS) class held as part of School Craft College's Fire Fighter Technology program. The U.S. EPA presentation focused on U.S. EPA's role in a Unified Command (UC) system in the event of a large multi-jurisdictional chemical fire or oil spill. In addition, OSCs Brian Kelly and Michelle Jaster provided the firefighters from multiple local departments with an overview of available U.S. EPA

resources. Lincoln Park's Fire Department had requested U.S. EPA's participation in the class.

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Michigan Department of Environmental Quality EPCRA Section 312 Training, Mt. Pleasant & Lansing, Michigan

James Entzminger (Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Program) attended the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) Section 312 training held in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, on January 23, 2007, and in Lansing, Michigan, on January 25, 2007. Approximately 60 participants from industry, government, and academic communities attended the training in Mt. Pleasant and about 90 participants attended the training in Lansing. Ms. Susan Parker of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) provided all the instruction, which included an overview of EPCRA, release reporting requirements, emergency planning, and chemical inventory reporting. A number of practical exercises were also used to help participants understand the reporting requirements. Mr. Entzminger acted as a resource person and assisted in answering questions.

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Meeting, Spills of National Significance Area Command Master Sequence of Events Development, Washington, D.C.

There was a Spills of National Significance (SONS 07) Area Command Master Sequence of Events List (MSEL) development meeting on January 29, 2007, at the U.S. EPA Headquarters Emergency Operations Center. Sheila Calovich and Ann Whelan were in attendance as well as SONS07 planning members from U.S. EPA Regions 4, 6, and 7. Other participants included the U.S. Coast Guard. The purpose of this meeting was to develop the MSEL and injects for the area command play during SONS07 exercise.

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Spills of National Significance Controller and Evaluator Meeting, Washington, D.C.

There was an initial Spills of National Significance (SONS 07) Controller and Evaluator meeting at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters on January 30, 2007. Sheila Calovich and Ann Whelan were in attendance, as well as SONS07 planning members from U.S. EPA Regions 4, 6, 7 and U.S. EPA Headquarters. Other participants included the U.S. Coast Guard. The purpose of this meeting was to come up with numbers of controllers and evaluators for the SONS07 exercise. There was also discussion about what venues of play will need controllers and evaluators. The U.S. Coast Guard evaluator lead disseminated the Department of Homeland Security exercise evaluation guidance and checklists for review. The control and evaluation piece of the SONS07 exercise will be in development for the next couple of months.

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Spills of National Significance Second Week Response and Recovery Workshop Planning Meeting, Washington, D.C.

On January 31, 2007, Sheila Calovich and Ann Whelan lead a meeting for the Spills of National Significance (SONS 07) Response and Recovery Workshop that will occur the second week of the SONS 07 exercise (June 26-28, 2007). Other agencies in attendance were the U.S. Coast Guard, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the Central U.S. Earthquake Consortium. The purpose of the Response and Recovery Workshop is to discuss disaster long term recovery issues. The workshop will have discussion topics that span recovery issues from 14 days to 2 years. It is hoped that recommendations will be a result of this workshop and be presented to the Senior Leadership Seminar that takes place on August 1, 2007.

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Spills of National Significance Controller Meeting, Washington, D.C.

Sheila Calovich and Ann Whelan, along with the U.S. Coast Guard, took part in a meeting to further discuss Spills of National Significance (SONS 07) exercise control. The meeting took place on February, 1, 2007, at U.S. Coast

Guard Headquarters. Topics for that meeting included: field level control cells, level of simulation needed, number of simulators and where they are located, function of the truth cell and equipment needs. There was also a discussion on how to use Web Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during the exercise. SONS 07 control and evaluation will continue to be discussed in the future.

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